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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CUSTOMS TO CUSTOMS PROGRAM

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1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A LETTER TO TREASURY UNDERSEC-  
RETARY CANSECO HAS WASHINGTON CLEARANCE BUT IS NOT YET  
AUTHORIZED FOR TRANSMITTAL PENDING TRANSFER OF THE NECESSARY  
FUNDS TO ARA-LA ACCOUNT, WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK.

2. QUOTE:

A) IN CONFIRMATION OF THE RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN YOU,  
MINISTER ROBERT W. DEAN AND CUSTOMS ATTACHE STEWARD ADAMS  
OF MY STAFF, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERN-  
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MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS WILLING TO

PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

B) THE TOTAL COST OF THIS PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (50,000). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PURCHASE WITH ITS OWN FUNDS ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE A WORKABLE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COSTS OF THE EQUIPMENT INVOLVED.

C) THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY OFFICIALS WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, US CUSTOMS SERVICE, ACTING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS ACTING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES.

D) AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE 50,000 DOLLARS CEILING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE TO THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT, PROCURED IN THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:

TEN KX 170 "B" RADIO SETS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLLARS 1395 PER UNIT;

TEN MOTOROLA PT 400 HANDY TALKY FM RADIO SETS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLLARS 1200 PER UNIT;

COMPATIBLE MOTOROLA PT 400 RADIO BASE STATIONS, THE NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE OVERALL ESTABLISHED CEILING OF DOLLARS, 50,000 (THE ESTIMATED COST PER UNIT OF THESE BASE STATIONS WOULD BE DOLLARS 1200).

E) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL USE THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO COUNTER CONTRABAND ACTIVITY AND ESPECIALLY TO COMBAT THE ILLEGAL FLOW OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUG SUBSTANCES THROUGH MEXICAN TERRITORY. NOTWITHSTANDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FOREGOING, NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL PRECLUDE THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHERWISE TO ENGAGE IN HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKINGS.

F) I PROPOSE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, US CUSTOMS SERVICE AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN CUSTOMS EXCHANGE SEMIANNUALLY, AND AT OTHER TIMES MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, INFORMATION IN WRITING ON THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS

UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT. LIKEWISE, THE OFFICE OF THE MEXICAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS WILL FACILITATE ACCESS BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE US BUREAU OF CUSTOMS TO THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING NECESSARY DATA CONCERNING ITS USE AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

G) IF THIS AGREEMENT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY TO IT SHALL HAVE THE CHARACTER OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

3. WE BELIEVE AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT'S PARTICIPATION AND ALSO ASSURE THAT CANSECO HAS AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GOM. RUSH

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